the salt bankshall at this market, poor people had been deprived of the facility of buying salt at cheap rates and requested that the bankshall might therefore be restored.

Reply.—Many merchants have already taken to salt trade. The Excise Commissioner who inspected the place recently did not receive any complaint on this account. As I already said, the existing arrangement has to be given a fair trial.

PATHANAPURAM TALUK.

352. Abolition of payment of tax in kind on the wet lands belonging to the Pattazhi Devaswom.

Mr. Padmanabhan Parameswaran (Pathanapuram) observed that Pattazhi Devaswom was under the management of Government and he saw no reason why the benefit of the recent proceedings converting paddy tax into money at 11 chs. per parah should not be extended to the lands belonging to this Devaswom also.

Reply.—Though this Devaswom is under Government management, its lands are not incorporated with the State funds and hence they cannot be governed by the provisions of the recent proceedings.

353. Opening of certain roads in Pathanapuram.

Mr. Padmanabhan Parameswaran suggested that two roads might be newly constructed, *viz.*, from Avaniswaram Railway station to Kalayapuram and from the same station to Pathanapuram, and also that the village road from the Vettikavala temple to the Anchal market might be improved and rendered cartable.

Reply.—The first two roads are included in the programme of works already referred to. No works are necessary for the third, there being already a village road.

354. Opening of an English School at Pathanapuram.

Mr. Padmanabhan Parameswaran and Mr. Narayanan Velayudhan spoke on the necessity of establishing an English school in Pathanapuram. They said that, if Government were not prepared to establish one, they would put up a school themselves and it would be enough if it be liberally aided by Government.

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